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U. S. GOVERNMENT FOREIGN INFORMATION POLICY

1. Under nationally approved policies, the Department of State is charged with responsibility for formulating the foreign information policies and plans to be implemented by all appropriate departments and agencies of the U. S. Government engaged in foreign information activities.
2. The Department of State is charged also under this authority with responsibility for formulating overt psychological warfare policy and plans in time of national emergency and the initial stages of war.
3. Nationally approved policies also provide for the effective coordination of these activities by the Secretary of State; with the assistance of the interdepartmental Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee. This committee which meets weekly under the chairmanship of the Department of State, has as members representatives of the Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Mutual Security Agency and as observers, representatives from the Psychological Strategy Board, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.
4. Department of State foreign information policy guidances are provided regularly to appropriate departments and agencies of the Government. These guidances are coordinated with other departments and agencies as required before issuance. Under nationally approved policies, these guidances are binding on all foreign information activities of the departments and agencies of the United States Government.
5. Foreign information policy guidances are distributed regularly to all U.S. diplomatic missions abroad by the Department of State, where copies may be obtained on a continuing basis by qualified U.S. Government personnel. Similarly it is the responsibility of each department or agency other than the Department of State to effect distribution of the foreign information policy guidances to all activities for which each is responsible.

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